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SUBJECT: CAIRNS VISIT TO PRC

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1. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG OCTOBER 6 ENROUTE TO PEKING TO OPEN THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE EXHIBITION. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A HONG KONG JOURNALIST OCTOBER 7, HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS FOR SAYING THAT HE HAD DELIBERATELY DELAYED HIS DEPARTURE TO THE PRC BECAUSE OF
A DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRISIS. CAIRNS SAID THAT
THE DELAY HAD BEEN CAUSED BY A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE PRC OVER THE WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY THE RAAF CREW WHICH WAS FLYING HIM TO CHINA. UPON HIS REQUEST THE PRC WITHDREW ITS OBJECTION ANG AGREED TO ALLOW THE CREW TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS. CAIRNS SAID THAT HIS DEPARTURE HAD BEEN DELAYED ABOUT 24 HOURS IN WAITING FOR THE PRC TO REPLY (HK STANDARD, OCTOBER 8).

2. AN AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION OFFICER HAS CONFIRMED THE
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